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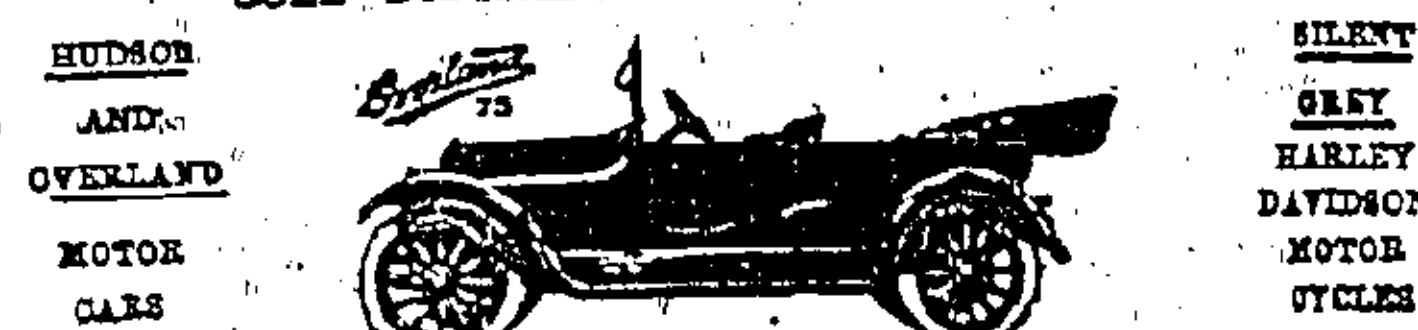
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BRITISH ADMIRALTY'S COMMENT.

London, Feb. 7.
An Admiralty communiqué states
the *Port Adelaide* carrying passengers
from London to Australia, was torpedoed
without warning on Saturday. The
passengers were landed at Vigo.
The Peruvian sailing ship *Lordon* was
sunk by submarine on Monday in
Spanish territorial waters.

The Admiralty comments that these
incidents emphasize the withdrawal of
Germany's pledge to the United States
not to sink passenger ships without
warning and claim the consideration of
neutrals.

SHIPS SUNK.

53 SUNK THIS MONTH.

London, Feb. 7.

7.50 a.m.

Seven British, five Norwegian, ships;
one Swedish, one Spanish, one Danish
and one Russian have been sunk.

6.30 p.m.

The sinkings reported in February
number 53, of which 22 aggregating
54,800 tons have been sunk in the
past twenty-four hours. The latter
figure includes 18 British.

The list comprises some of the
German ruler's victims.

No great anxiety is felt as it was
anticipated that the daily average of
the sinkings would be raised for a
short period.

1.35 p.m.

The following ships have been
sunk: Steamer *Hurstwood* (British);
barque *Garnett* (Russian).

Four of the *Hurstwood's* crew
were killed.

THE BELGIAN RELIEF SHIPS.

The Danish steamer *Lovkruse* is
believed to have been sunk. She
carried a cargo of maize for the
Belgian Relief Commission. The
sinking of this ship is contrary to the
German assurance to the American
and Spanish Ministers at Brussels,
that Belgian Relief Ships should not
be interfered with. Eight relief
ships are now at sea and thirty are
held up in various ports. Should
they be delayed another week many
people in Belgium and the North of
France will starve.

AN ADMIRAL'S VIEW.

In the House of Commons Admiral
Sir Hedworth Meux declared that
there was every reason to hope that
the same success which had attended
the destruction of Zeppelins was
in a fair way of being realised in
countering submarines.

ANOTHER BRITISH MERCHANT CAPTAIN A PRISONER.

Vigo, Feb. 7.

The survivors landed from a Dutch
ship, mentioned yesterday, were not
from Brazil but comprised 89 of the
crew and seven passengers of the British
ship *Port Adelaide*, whose captain was
taken prisoner by a submarine; and 86
seamen from three Norwegian ships.

GERMANY RELEASES AMERICAN PRISONERS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.

The *Vonische Zeitung* states that 72
Americans who were prisoners on board
the *Farragut*, have been released on
declaring that they were not aware
when they joined their vessels that
armed merchant-men were regarded by
Germany as warships.

AMERICA'S MILITARY PROGRAMME.

London, Feb. 7.

The *Morning Post's* correspondent
at Washington cables that President
Wilson in consultation with the
Secretary of State for the Navy and
Secretary of State for War, has
practically determined on the mili-
tary programme in the event of war.
It is recognised that the United
States is unable to send an expedi-
tionary force to Europe for some
months; therefore American assist-
ance for the Allies would be, firstly,
Naval, namely the patrol of the
South Atlantic, releasing British and
French cruisers.

The feasibility of convoys has been
discussed, and is considered not to
be practicable.

A swarm of fast motorboats would
assist the destroyer flotillas.

ANXIOUS AMERICANS IN BERLIN.

New York, Feb. 7.

A despatch from Berlin states that
the scene at the American Embassy
on the 5th inst. recalled the situa-
tion in August 1914. Crowds of
anxious Americans blocked the cor-
ridors seeking advice. The passport
department was working at the
highest pressure.

The crowd was augmented by
many British and other belligerent
nationals clamouring for advice.

GERMAN SHIPS AT MANILA.

AMERICAN NAVY TAKES CHARGE OF IT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.

The Naval authorities at Manila
have taken charge of seventeen
German merchantmen. The crews
have been removed.

GERMAN SHIPS AT HONOLULU.

NINE WITH BOILERS WRECKED.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The engines of nine German vessels at
Honolulu have been disabled and their
boilers wrecked. The crews have been
arrested and placed under guard.

INTERNED GERMAN MERCHANT- MEN AT PUERTO RICO.

SURROUNDED BY MILITARY GUARDS.

PUERTO RICO, Feb. 7.

Military guards surround the interned
German merchant ships *Odenwald* and
President. The crews are confined to
the ships. The American guardship
Albatross is watching.

THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.

The *New York Herald* demands that
passports should be handed to Count
Tarnowski, the Austro-Hungarian
Ambassador who arrived to-day, as the
announcement of the German threat
emphasises that the Prussian and
Austrian organisations in America are
identical.

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THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings on SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building Company Limited.
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1917. 1448

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 12th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers
Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1917. 1454

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.
THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SATURDAY, 17th February, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1916, with the report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 17th February, 1917, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board.
J. H. TAGGART,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1917. 1468

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1917. 1469

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(signed) C. McI. MESSER,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1917. 1470

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have this day AUTHORIZED Mr. P. M. N. de SILVA to sign our firm's name.
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Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917. 1475

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[BY AN OLD-TIME TRAVELLER.]
The following article contributed to a recent issue of the "L. & C. Express," apparently by an old Shanghai resident, (the writer adopts the nom de plume of "Shanghai") gives a picture of old-time travel which will interest many China hands whose memories go back to early days.

This motto, "quis separabit," which so many travellers have regarded with, at times, mixed feelings during their voyages on board the steamers of the P. and O. Company, seems to come back with renewed vividness and force after a perusal of the report of the meeting of that company, held in London on December 13. Lord Inchcape's remarks exhibit a continuation of the old policy of concentration coupled with expansion, and show that the new blood, no less than the old, recognizes the necessity for forging ahead in spite of war and tumults of war. It may, perhaps, be said without offence that while the speech of Lord Inchcape to the proprietors indicates a mastery grasp of the company's affairs, it lacked, perhaps naturally, somewhat of the personal relationship that existed from time immemorial between the geniality of Sir Thomas Sutherland and the hard-headed sobriety of many of his shareholders; but the explanations given of the causes that led to the losses as well as profits incurred during the year were enumerated with a lucidity and directness worthy of all praise. And it may, perhaps, be allowed to the present writer, whose first voyage by a P. and O. steamer began so far back as May 23, 1888, and who has since that time traversed in all parts of the company's steamers in all parts of the Far East to record here some few of the impressions gathered during his various voyages.

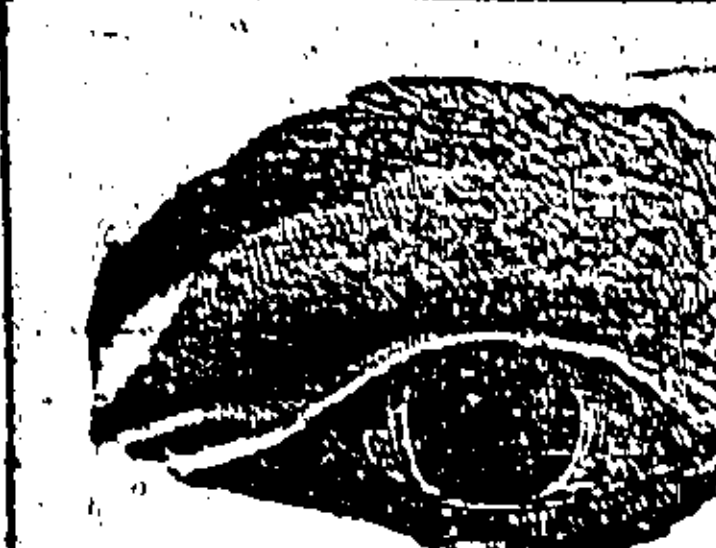
And the first thing to note is, perhaps, the absence in modern days of the mail agent from the company's steamer—a loss that perhaps is not very much felt by either the Post Office or the company. Generally a retired naval officer, his bright uniform and clanking little sword were prominent features on the arrival of a steamer at the various ports; and there was a distinct dignity that surrounded the marshalling of the deck of the mail matter, previous to its being sent on shore in the gig. It must have been a lonely life for him, poor fellow—almost equivalent to that of keeping a "pike" in the Dickensian tradition. Peace to his memory!

THE MODERN DEMAND FOR SPEED.
The modern demand for speed and the improved facilities for coaling have materially shortened the time available for the inspection of the galleries of "The Rock," or of the catcombs and the Saracenic Church of the Knight Templars at Malta. But these glimpses of the romance of the East—leading to the subsequent life-long "call" to that quarter of the globe spoken of by Kipling—fall us nowadays, have they not been replaced by dangers from enemy torpedoes and mines, referred to by the P. and O. Chairman in his address, that should surely satisfy any passenger on the look-out for romance of a very up-to-date kind! And while on this topic it may well be asked, as recently suggested, whether or why it is not possible to commission and arm the larger ships of the P. and O. service, and to render them, if not immune from attack, at least able to hold their own, with or without an attack by a German submarine?

THE "FIRST NUBIA"
Part of the romance of the East is also missed by the P. and O. passenger who travels right through the Canal to the Red Sea; but this seems unavoidable, though to the present writer his first visit to Egypt has left a lasting memory of the French charm of Alexandria, the bazaar at Cairo, the mystery of the Pyramids, and the sandy squalor of Suva, as it was before the cutting of the Canal allowed roses to grow in that out-post of desolation. The voyage from Suva to Port Said was made in the Nubia, the first of her name, and he remembers a three-day aggregate of 2,024 miles on that occasion. He also remembers a bored detachment at Galle for three days, when 10s. a day was allowed by the company for hotel expenses. We do not if there are any modern parallels. But we must not weary the reader with personal details. The mind goes back to the Straits of Malacca, where the present vice-chairman of the company was slaving away at his office in Singapore when the present writer first passed through that place; and the memory also calls one back to the day of arrival in Hongkong, where the ex-chairman of the company was "getting his hand in" under the guidance of Mr. Maximilian Fisher, a bluff, but valuable, representative of the company.

Since then the writer has travelled in very many of the older boats of the company, and has only once met with any inconvenience or delay, owing then to the breaking of a main shaft in the Mediterranean. But though men and manners have much changed since the early days of the P. and O. the company still holds on to its old course, partially meeting, after some objection, the public's wants in the matter of diet, though (as *est ab hoste docetur*) there are still many lessons to be taken to heart from the menus and meal arrangements of the North German Lloyd boats; and it is pleasant to think that the P. and O. is now not above taking tea as cargo at a fair rate of freight, and does not insist on specie and silk as the only fit cargo for a P. and O. hold.
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THE DIARY.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Feb. 10:—

11 a.m.—Kowloon Land and Building
Co's Meeting.

Noon.—Humphreys' Estate and
Finance Co's Meeting.

2.15 p.m. Cricket:—H. E. C. C. v.
K. C. C. at Kowloon.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Clothing and
Effects of late A. W. Button at
Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Laying of Foundation Stone of new
Chinese Y.M.C.A. building by
Bishop Lander.

Inspection of the H.K. Police Reserve
by H.E. the Governor.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of one Grafonola
and Books on Gardening.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14:—

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Helena May
Institute.

THURSDAY, Feb. 15:—

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous
Stock (Lady's Silk Hosiery and Boots
and Shoes, &c.).

SATURDAY, Feb. 17:—

Noon.—Hongkong Hotel Co's Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement
Day.

SATURDAY, Feb. 24:—

Noon.—Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation Meeting.

Mon. 25, Tues. 27 & Wed. Feb. 28:—

Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.

The China Mail.

Hongkong, THURSDAY, Feb. 8, 1917.

JAPAN AND SHANTUNG.

In last night's *China Mail* there was published a Chinese telegram which mentioned that Japanese and American financiers are co-operating in a scheme for the reconstruction of a portion of the Grand Canal. It stated that Japan wants the Shantung section of the scheme and will be prepared to let America have the rest. There is a significance in this statement which will not have been missed by students of political affairs in China, for it at once raises the interesting question as to what is eventually to become of the interests which Germany acquired in that province under the Kiaochow Convention of 1898, or rather under the supplementary railway and mining concessions. One clause of that Agreement reads: "If at any time the Chinese should form schemes for the development of Shantung, for the execution of which it is necessary to obtain foreign capital, the Chinese Government, or whatever Chinese shall, in the first instance, apply to German capitalists. Application should also be made to German manufacturers for the necessary machinery and materials before the manufacturers of any other Power are approached. Should German capitalists or manufacturers decline to take up the business, the Chinese shall then be at liberty to obtain money and materials from sources of other nationality than German." With this clause of the Agreement between Germany and China in mind the desire of Japan to have the Shantung section of the Grand Canal reconstruction scheme is easily understood. This desire at once raises the whole position of Japan's status as the successor of Germany at Kiaochow by right of conquest. It will be recalled that in the ultimatum which Japan delivered to Germany in August, 1914, she demanded the delivery to the Imperial Japanese authorities, without condition or compensation, of the entire leased territory of Kiaochow "with a view to the eventual restoration of the same to China." As everybody knows, Germany did not deliver the territory; it had to be wrested from her by force of arms, and Japan has ever since been enjoying all the privileges and exercising all the rights in that region which were exercised and enjoyed by Germany before the war. We have yet to learn what Japan meant by the expression "the eventual restoration of the territory to China"—and what Great Britain also meant by it, for previous to the delivery of the ultimatum the Governments of Japan and Great Britain, in accordance with the terms of the Treaty of Alliance, communicated fully and freely with each other, and *The Times* said at the time: "It may safely be assumed that the reference in the Japanese ultimatum to Germany to the eventual restoration of Kiaochow to China was not made without the knowledge and approval of the British Government." What that expression exactly

means has yet to be defined. Japan, and Great Britain also, having had to fight for the possession of the territory, China could not reasonably expect that territory to be handed over to her immediately the war is at an end, without payment of compensation. There are two points which are generally overlooked when comments are made in the Chinese Press on this question. The first is that the Kiaochow Agreement itself contemplated the eventual restoration of the territory to China—at the end of ninety-nine years from the conclusion of the Agreement. Did the expression in the Japanese ultimatum about the eventual restoration of the territory to China mean anything more than the taking over of the Agreement in its entirety?—i.e. that "eventual restoration" bears the meaning of "at the end of the period of ninety-nine years from the date of the lease to Germany." The second point is that Germany stipulated in the Agreement that if she gave up her interest in the leased territory before the expiration of ninety-nine years, China should take over the whole area and pay Germany for whatever German property might be situated. "Now, if at the conclusion of peace, this territory were to be surrendered to China, what about Germany's claim to compensation from China? And what about the further stipulation that: "In case of such surrender taking place, Germany shall be at liberty to lease some other place along the coast?" In view of the whole of the circumstances we doubt very much whether "eventual restoration to China" means any earlier date than 1908, when the Kiaochow lease would terminate by effluxion of time.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Mounted Section of the Volunteer Reserves will parade on the road to-morrow. Law Courts at 4.35 p.m. to-morrow. Dress: Drill order.

It is stated that His Excellency M. de Cartier, Belgian Minister at Peking, will be transferred to Washington and will probably be leaving Peking early in March for his new post.

Mr. George Hogg has returned to the Colony to resume charge of the International Bank. Mr. Marshall leaves in the course of a few days on transfer to Yokohama.

The Consul-General for the Netherlands informs us that the Netherlands Indian Government has declared Hongkong to be an infected port on account of plague. We may remark that only two cases have been reported since the beginning of the year.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

The second lecture on Ruskin will be given by Mrs. Ralphs to-morrow morning (Friday).

A lecture on "Spanish and Portuguese Colonies at the Beginning of the 16th Century" will be delivered by Mr. G.P. de Martin, B.A., on Monday, the 19th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

HONGKONG ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN WAR WORKERS.

Mrs. Pattenden, No. 125, The Peak, has kindly consented to accept the Honorary Secretaryship and Mrs. Alabaster to take charge of the Wool Department of the above Association, in place of Mrs. Greaves who is leaving shortly for home.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Def. Indos	129	sales
China Sugars	125	b. & scales
	128 1/2	sales
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THE MAGISTRACY.

SNATCHING A GOLD BANGLE.

A Chinese belonging to Kowloon City was charged with the theft of a gold bangle from a small boy. It was alleged that while the child was watching a bridal procession the defendant seized him, snatched the bangle from his wrist, and after knocking him down, escaped.

Inspector Grant said that the bangle had been sold to a goldsmith at Yaumati, but unfortunately was melted down before the Police arrived. The boy, however, recognized the defendant as the man who had stolen his bangle, pointing him out from six other men during the identification parade.

The goldsmith appeared in the witness box and testified that he paid the defendant \$13.95 for a bangle of plain rolled gold which he later melted down.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty, stated that he had been severely beaten by the Police and forced to admit having committed the offence, under threat of being held in the Hongkong gaol for a long time.

The case was remanded until next Tuesday.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN CHARGED.

The Captain of the steamer *Sui Kai*, a Portuguese, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning in answer to three charges.—First, with using his ship to import 1,400 taels of prepared opium into the Colony on February 6th; secondly, with importing that amount of opium into the Colony on the same date; and thirdly, that he assisted others to import the contraband drug into the Colony.

The hearing was fixed for next week and the defendant held at \$20,000 bail. It was mentioned that Mr. Grist would appear as solicitor for the defence.

A CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

A Chinese charged with assault was discharged this morning by Mr. J. R. Wood.

It was alleged the defendant, while a passenger on a steamer, had been caught stealing from the baker's room by the assistant steward, whom he stabbed with a knife.

His Worship said that he did not believe the story told by the complainant.

ANCHOR CASE AGAIN REMANDED.

The case in which a former Chief Officer of the steamer *Hui* is charged on remand with the theft of two anchors, was again brought before Mr. J. R. Wood.

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. McI. Messer) appeared in Court to continue the prosecution but as Mr. Jenkin, who is defending, was unable to be present this morning, the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

CHANG HSUN AND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

KOWTOW CEREMONY REVIVED.

Chang Hsun's conservatism or rather his fondness for the old order of things, has found expression in his celebration of the Lunar New Year at his headquarters at Eschewow. Many of the antiquated forms of rites and ceremonies such as kowtow etc. were observed in Chang Hsun's yamen this year.

A report states that all the officials at Eschewow went to Chang Hsun's head quarters and offered New Year greetings to the General early in the morning on the Lunar New Year Day. Each of them kowtowed before Chang Hsun upon the latter appearing to receive greetings. Later in the morning Chang Hsun inspected his troops with much ostentation. A grand review outside the south gate of Hsuehchow was held, in which over twenty regiments of the General's "braves" took part. Gambling was permitted to take place in the streets; and groups of Chang Hsun's men were seen gambling at every street corner. Ni Shih-chung, the Governor of Anhui and Chang Hsun's partner in notoriety, specially went to Hsuehchow to offer New Year greetings to the latter. Notwithstanding the order of the Government prohibiting the exchange of New Year greetings between officials, Chang Hsun despatched scores of telegrams to the 14 Chinese of other provinces and other high officials of the Government on the occasion.—*Peking Gazette*.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

HONGKONG POLICEMEN.

BRAVERY AND LONG SERVICE.

H.E. The Governor yesterday afternoon inspected the Police Force of the Colony in the compound of the Central Police Station and presented many medals to members of the European, Indian and Chinese sections for bravery, long service, and efficient work when on duty.

Chief Detective Inspector Murison was presented with a third class medal for "good work on staff."

Fourth class medals for "long and faithful service, twenty years" were presented to Inspectors P. O'Sullivan and R. McDonald.

Gurdit Singh was presented with a medal for rescuing two men from the harbour.

Mohamed Hayat, for rescuing a man from the harbour.

Lau Fat, for bravery in arresting a murderer.

Kwong Sang, for "zeal and pluck in arresting a robber."

Lau Yau Cheong, for "zeal and pluck."

Karim Butach, for saving life in the harbour.

P. E. Samy (Police Reserve) for arresting a burglar.

All the foregoing were presented with fourth class medals.

Gurdit Singh rescued two Chinese who accidentally fell into the harbour, on August 4th, 1916. When he had entered the water, Gurdit Singh was out of his depth, and was clutched by the two men, who dragged him down twice. Finally, after being in considerable danger, he succeeded in getting the two men ashore.

Mohamed Hayat rescued a Chinese, who subsequently expired, on September 20th, 1916. He saw the man struggling in the water, at once removed his belt and revolver, and jumped into the harbour. Owing to the rough sea, rain and darkness, the constable had considerable trouble in bringing the man ashore, but eventually succeeded in doing so, with the help of a coolie, who has been suitably rewarded.

Lau Fat had an exciting experience at 10, Bridges Street. The P.C. knew that the murderer was carrying a revolver, and although he himself was unarmed, arrested the man. The murderer attempted to fire his revolver, but the weapon jammed, and to this the P.C. probably owes his life.

Lau Yau Cheong heard an alarm raised in Caroline Street, saw a man being chased by the inmates of a house, and himself joined in the pursuit.

The burglar was run down in a house in Yee Wo Street, and here he drew a loaded revolver and pulled the trigger twice.

The weapon misfired, and the burglar escaped, making his way to Causeway Bay, where he jumped into the water and eventually reached a boat, where he was found by the P.C. hiding in the stern. Here the constable arrested the burglar with the revolver still upon him.

P. E. Samy (Police Reserve) received his medal for his "pluck and praiseworthy conduct" in arresting a man who, with others, had broken into 3, Kwai Street, Wanchai, on October 26th, 1916. An alarm was raised, and P. E. Samy arrested one of the men. A struggle took place, but P. E. Samy, although of inferior physique and hampered by a hostile crowd, stuck to his man and succeeded, with the assistance of Mr. Scull (also of the Police Reserve) in taking the robber to the police station.

His Excellency addressing the Force after the presentation of medals said it was two years since he had inspected them. Last year things were so strenuous here that he was unable to find time to perform the useful ceremony he had performed that day, hence the number of medals he had had to award had been somewhat large. He told them on the last occasion he inspected them that he was very well satisfied with the way in which the Hongkong Police force had conducted itself, and the valuable help it had given since the outbreak of war. "You have continued to deserve my approbation ever since. You have given contingents and contributed many men to go and fight at the front, and I condole with you in the losses the contingent has suffered. But in falling they did honour to their King and Country, and honour to the Hongkong Police. There are many of you who are due to leave us on the same noble errand. I shall see those men before they go, and I take this opportunity of saying that I know they will uphold the honour of this force, whose reputation has been so high. I would like to mention that I am very well pleased with the good conduct and good service of the Indian contingent. I spoke to some of them rather seriously a few years ago, and I am glad to notice that my little sermon preached to them then has had a very good effect. The Chinese contingent has had extra responsibilities cast upon it owing to the loss of the supervision of so many European officers; and they, too, have done their 'bit' very well indeed. As I have said before, I am well pleased with all of you, and as you are well served, it is a great pleasure to me to say so, because for many years of my service I had the honour to command the Hongkong Police Force."

The man then kowtowed past in column. His Excellency taking the salute.

The officers on parade were the Hon. Capt. Superintendent of Police (Mr. McI. Messer), Mr. T. H. King (A.S.P.), Mr. P. E. J. Woodhouse (D.S.P.), and Chief Inspector Keir.

MEN'S CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

At the Men's Club, Seamen's Institute, last evening, the fourteenth and concluding Social Evening of the season was held. The audience completely filled the hall.

Among those present were: His Excellency The Governor, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, (Colonial Secretary), Major-General Ventris, Miss Ventris, the Bishop of Victoria, and the Misses Lander, Hon. H. C. Pollock, K.C., the Rev. C. L. Cooper Hunt, Rev. N. Pope, and Rev. W. H. Featherstone.

With flags and bunting lent by the Navy, the hall and stage had been decorated by Privates W. J. Jarman, C. Bishop, R. Shortman, T. Rouven, J. J. Parker, G. Fisher, G. W. Williams, J. Humphreys, G. Butcher and W. Hobin.

An interesting and amusing programme had been arranged, the contributors to it including His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. G. Mrs. Muriel, Mr. C. Burnett, Sapper Cooke, H.K.V.C., Mr. Ing Said Wah, Lee, Cpl. Freeman, Lee-Cpl. Frost, Pte. Simpson, Cpl. Armstrong, Pte. Braddick, Serg. McGregor, Pte. Jones, Gunner Wainwright and Pte. Forey. Gunner Silcock was the accompanist and Corporal R. A. Morris acted as M.C. The concert was arranged by the Rev. C. L. Cooper Hunt, Chaplain to the forces.

During the interval His Excellency the Governor delivered an address in which he said he would like to mention that that day was the anniversary of the Men's Club, and he thought that the large audience present showed how much the Club was appreciated. They all know who was responsible—Mr. Cooper Hunt—who was one of the best—(applause). He thought it would be interesting for them to know that popular concerts had been held once a fortnight, and in spite of the fact that one Company had been moved to the Peak the Club had continued to prosper. During the summer months a series of bathing outings were organised once a fortnight through the kindness of Mr. Claud Severn, President of the Club. During the winter fourteen social evenings had been held, and the attendance at these had varied from 130 to 150, and on nine occasions it had reached 200. Roughly, about 2,500 packets of cigarettes had been distributed, as well as light refreshments provided by certain gentlemen in the Colony. Four Billiard tournaments had taken place. The first was won by Pte. J. E. Austin, out of 32 competitors; the second by Pte. Hamlet out of 42 competitors; the third with 57 competitors went to Pte. Bedford; and the fourth, with an entry of 64, had, unfortunately, to be cancelled. The entries for all tournaments totalled 185. Pte. J. E. Austin, by defeating Pte. Hamlet, became the possessor of the Cup.

His Excellency then handed the cup (presented by the Rev. C. L. Cooper Hunt) to the winner, and congratulated him on his victory.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

A REQUEST FROM INDIA.

A request was recently received from the military authorities in India for the recruitment through the St. John's Ambulance Association of a special staff of 100 nurses for temporary employment in military hospitals in India or at the Front. Candidates to be either trained nurses or members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Nursing Division or Voluntary Aid Nurses of the St. John Ambulance Association; or, if not members of a Nursing Division or Voluntary Aid Detachment; to be in possession of the First Aid and "Home Nursing" Certificates granted by either the St. John Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross Society, or other similar body. The engagement to be for six months in the first instance, one month of which to be on probation with an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem and Rs. 150 for the second and subsequent months. In less than a fortnight over 190 applications were received, and candidates for the 30 posts which it was desired to fill immediately were forwarded to the Military Authorities. The St. John Ambulance War Hospitals at Dehra Dun and Masoorie continue to do good work.

THE YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polihawals and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, in their fortnightly report state:—

Fragrant and violent fluctuations manifested by Cotton and erratic movements of Exchange have derided the market of confidence and buyers' sense little disposition for commitments except for actual and urgent requirements. Importers on their part appear to be rather awkwardly situated, owing to the marine insurance difficulty, which substantially swells the laying down cost.

The outlook, as judged by most recent events, is very uncertain, and further developments both as regards Cotton and Silver are anxiously watched.

Sales during the period are reported at 2,300 bales; 2,500 bales; 10,000 bales; and 2,000 bales.

SPORTING.

TRAINING NOTES AND TIMES.

About a dozen ponies were galloped over various distances this morning; we give the times below. The attendance at the rail was small. The weather was mild with an overcast sky. The course (inside) was good going.

The times were:—

GOLFING AND CADDOW'S STAIR, 1 mile, 35, 1.07, 1.44, 2.10; last 1.35.
NYNIA, 11, last 1.14, 42.3, 1.20.2, 2.00, 2.48, 3.13, 3.50; last 1.35.
ADVENTURE, 11, 42, 1.22, 2.00, 2.56, 3.13.3, 3.50.3, 4.33.2; last 1.44.
YIB, 14, last 1.1, 36, 1.11, 1.45, 2.18.2, 2.53; last 1.39.3.
IWE, 1 mile, 45.2, 1.23.2, 2.04.2, 2.54.4; last 1.51.2.
COTTEBRANDS, 14, last 1, 45, 1.18, 1.50; last 1.24.
TOX CONEGRON, 14, last 1, 36, 34=1.18.
SOT (1) and BROWN'S BASS (2), 1 mile, 44, 1.20, 1.53.2, 2.23.2; last 1.25.
WITZEL BASS, 1 mile, last 1, 38, 1.17, 1.48.1; last 1.34.1.
SARAS, 11, last 11, 45, 1.24, 2.02, 2.50.2, 3.13; last 1.33.8.
IRONSTRIDE, 14, last 14, 41, 1.20, 2.00.2, 2.54, 3.10; last 1.38.

COUNT TOLSTOI ON THE WAR.

TO GAIN PEACE, WE MUST DESTROY THE CAUSES OF WAR.

Sons of great men, says a Tokyo despatch, are always interesting, even if for no other reason than their ancestral connections. But Tokio has a visitor who does not have to depend solely on the fame of his father to make him a personality. He is Count Tolstoy, son of the famous Russian novelist and philosopher. He arrived in Tokio yesterday, coming direct from Moscow and Petrograd, and expects to remain here until the spring.

The Count's visit is partly for pleasure, partly to gain a further insight into Japan and her people, but he comes here with a greater purpose than either of these. He will deliver lectures while in Japan, based on three subjects—"The Russia of the Moment," "The Road to Peace," and "My Father."

Count Tolstoy was last to discuss his views of the war, of the present and the greater subject which he refers to as the "peace of the future." He said at the Imperial Hotel yesterday afternoon that his thoughts on these topics would be disclosed in his lectures. However, the Count did make it plain that he does not entirely concur with all the opinions advanced by the world's statesmen in their remarks on the great war.

NO MARCH TOWARDS GERMANY. "I hold no malice against the Germans, the Bulgars or the Turks," he asserted. "We are all at fault in this world struggle."

Count Tolstoy does not look at the causes, the aims and the results of the war from a political standpoint. He detests politics, he says. He does not like the manipulations of politics. He views the peace question from an angle of philosophy and democracy. It will require something more than the final peace conference to end the world's strife. We must probe for the causes of war and wipe them away, declares Count Tolstoy. He believes he has discovered the underlying elements which bring the peoples of the world at each other's throats. He also thinks he has found the way to eradicate them. A great common understanding must arise, he says—a unity of mankind. There are many other processes that must be looked after in this fight for a world brotherhood, but Count Tolstoy didn't have time to enumerate them yesterday afternoon—they will be unfolded in his lectures, so he said.

HIS FATHER'S TEACHING TAKING ROOT. Count Tolstoy often speaks of his father. Moreover, he declares that his father's teachings are beginning to make themselves felt in Russia. They are being directed toward a freer and more democratic Russia. The war has acted as an impetus toward this realization in Russia and the Count believes that when hostilities cease Russia will begin her slow but sure progress toward the new freedom.

After leaving Japan, Count Tolstoy will visit China, Australia and other parts of the world, delivering lectures and studying the countries.

NORTH BORNEO AND THE WAR.

At the present appropriate time for "taking stock," says the B.N.B. Herald, it is perhaps worth while reciting something of what has been done by British North Borneo in contribution to the war. Here follows a list of tall tales. Almost \$10,000—no satisfactory figure for a country that numbered only 315 Europeans, including women and children, at the census of 1911. In addition there has yet to be reckoned the recent Our Day movement, which will probably realise not less than \$3,500 to \$4,000. In men, too, North Borneo can hardly be said to have been lacking as the following list of men from the State will testify:—Messrs. Allsopp, Babson, Bevan, Cave-Bigley, Becken, Conyngham, Laidlaw-Cowan, Cockrell, G. M. Cox, Cowie, Clarke, Francis, French, Haywood, Hudson, Jenkins, McKee, Murray, McGrigor, Nasmyth, ex-Governor, Farr, Preston, Priestland, Pocock, Prandargat, Prior, E. A. Pearson, Riley, Butler, Reeves, Rushbrooke, Dent, Schacht, Sonerville, Simmance, Marsh, Smith, ex-Governor, Treacher, Temperley Thompson, Tebbelau, Turner, Tyler, Tucker and Wardrop, not to mention men who have given of their time on leave to munition making, as Clark and Sawry (London).

TELEGRAMS.

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BRITISH PARLIAMENT REOPENED.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

London, Feb. 7. The opening of Parliament was shorn of its customary splendour but was animated by a stern and practical spirit appropriate to the critical times. The thrones were shrouded in white cloths, almost sepulchral, from beneath which heavy folds of Imperial purple emerged spreading over the steps of the dais. Peers on the floor of the House were in walking dress, mostly costly furs, instead of the usual Court costume, feathers and coronets. It was noteworthy that a large number of Peers, young and middle-aged, were in khaki and navy blue. The only bright colours were the Judges' scarlet, contrasting with the white-robed Prelates. The Ambassadors were in uniform on the left of the throne.

When Their Majesties, the King leading the Queen by the hand, entered the lights, which hitherto had been subdued, were raised, shedding a brilliant glow on the illustrious assemblage.

The King wore an admiral's uniform. The Queen was a stately figure in black with ropes of pearls and a big diamond plaque.

After their Majesties were seated on their thrones, there was a long pause awaiting the members of the House of Commons. Then the King, putting on his hat, read the speech in a strong penetrating voice, audible to everyone. His Majesty especially emphasised the passages about "just demands" and "restitution," "threats of further outrages," "steel determination," and the importance of the forthcoming War Conference with the Dominions.

He led the Queen down the steps and both bowed ceremoniously to all sides.

Foreign and Dominion correspondents were admitted for the first time and were greatly impressed with the inspiring solemnity of the whole ceremony and surroundings.

The King's Speech was as follows:—

For the third time in succession I summon you to your deliberations in the midst of war. Certain overtures of which you are aware have been made by the enemy with a view to opening peace negotiations. Their tenour, however, indicated no possible basis of peace. My people throughout the Empire and my faithful and heroic Allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to secure their just demands for reparation and restitution in respect of the past and guarantees for the future which we regard as essential to the progress of civilisation.

In response to an invitation from the President of the United States we outlined as far as is possible at present the general objects necessarily implied by these aims. Threats of further outrages upon public law and the common rights of humanity will but serve to steel our determination. During the winter months my Navy has maintained unchallenged its ceaseless watch on the seas and vigorously enforced the blockade of the enemy. My Armies have conducted successful operations not only in Europe but in Egypt, Mesopotamia and East Africa and they are fully prepared to renew the great struggle in close and cordial co-operation with my Allies on every field. I trust their united efforts will carry the successes already won to a victorious conclusion.

I invited representatives from my Dominions and Indian Empire which have borne so glorious a share in the struggle to confer with my Ministers on important questions of common interest relating to the war. I trust this step will conduce to the establishment of closer relations with all parts of my Empire. The accomplishment of the task to which I have set my hand entails unsparring demands on the energies and resources of all my subjects. I am assured, however, that my people

will respond to every call necessary for the success of the cause with the same indomitable ardour and devotion that have filled me with pride and gratitude since the war began. Therefore I confidently commend to your patriotism the measures which will be laid before you and pray that the Almighty may bless your counsels.

THE KING'S TRIBUTE TO BRAVE MEN.

Before the arrival of Their Majesties Lord Lincolnshire conveyed the following message from the King to a large number of wounded Dominion soldiers in the Royal gallery:—

"Tell my brave men who have fought so gallantly for me and my country how I appreciate their gallant service and what a pleasure it is for me to place at their disposal the Royal gallery on this occasion."

"I have been commanded by His Majesty," concluded Lord Lincolnshire "to wish you all a speedy recovery and a safe return to those glorious countries you all love so well."

THE DEBATE ON THE SPEECH.

Mr. Asquith, in the House of Commons, said everyone was delighted with the arrangement made for meeting the representatives of the Dominions but the House would like to know the scope and purpose of the meeting. Was it concerned with the concerted efforts of the Empire for the prosecution of the war, or would it consider the problems of settlement and reconstruction? He also asked for a statement regarding what prices in Great Britain and in Australia. Referring to Germany's "Declaration of war on Neutrality," Mr. Asquith said it would be unifying for them to offer advice to America, but he added: "We shall hail with acclamation, in which is a strain of family pride, the stern and resolute determination of the other great English-speaking Power to frustrate the latest enormity by the enemies of the human race—(Cheers). Our own course is clear. There must be the closest co-ordination of plans and operations by the Allies and complete organisation and concentration here in money, men and women. Let there be no jarring voice, no petty cross-currents, and no personal or sectional distractions.—(Cheers)."

Mr. Bonar Law (Chancellor of the Exchequer and Leader of the House of Commons) said Mr. Asquith's speech was the best testimony to the unity of the country. More and more shipping was coming under the direct control of the Government and a large number of new ships were being constructed. He emphasised that the Imperial War Cabinet was not an ordinary Imperial Conference. The representatives of the Dominions would sit continuously as members of the Cabinet on any question with which they were specially concerned. That was an immense step forward, but the part played by the Dominions in the war justified it. The Conference would discuss all questions of common interest relating to the war. There would be no hard-and-fast line. From the Government's experience of the Dominion Premiers he was certain they would do everything in their power to prevent any interference with the essential task of the prosecution of the war.

Mr. Bonar Law proceeded to refer to the war situation. The Navy had done and was doing all that could be expected of it. Without the Navy it would have been impossible for the Allies to win the war.—(Cheers). The best brains of the country were devising new expedients to meet submarine warfare, and he believed the experience of the similar threat in 1915 would be repeated. Germany could not defeat this country in this manner.—(Cheers). The overrunning of Rumania was a moral and political disaster, but not a military success for Germany, whose advance had been stopped at the Sereth. The situation in Mesopotamia had been completely relieved; the conquest of East Africa was approaching completion, and the Anglo-French forces had established a complete moral ascendancy on the Western Front where certain better results than hitherto might be hoped for.—(Cheers)."

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THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

In the House of Lords, Lord Stanhope, moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, said the silver lining to our cloud of unpreparedness at the outbreak of the war was to be found in the ready support coming from all parts of the Empire.

Lord Curzon said it was irrefutable that our superiority in the West, which became marked in July 1915 had been enhanced as the months had proceeded and he was justified in anticipating most sanguinely the operations in the Spring.

Lord Curzon expressed the opinion that other Neutrals would follow America and others would if they could.

The motion was agreed to.

AUSTRIA'S ATTITUDE.

SPEECHES IN HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT.

COUNT KAROLYI DENOUNCES UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINISM.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.

The first pronouncement of Austria's attitude on the new submarine has been made by Count Tisza in the Hungarian Parliament. He justified the use of the new weapon on the ground that the adversaries of the Central Powers were arming merchantmen and laying new mine-fields. Moreover, he said the successful employment of submarines was the most effective means of securing peace. "Even today," he said, "we are still prepared to negotiate peace if we receive a guarantee that our enemies are willing to negotiate, but so long as our enemies desire to take our life we are determined to employ every means to gain the victory."

Count Apponyi and Count Andrássy supported Count Tisza, but Count Karolyi denounced unrestricted submarine warfare and pointed out that there were two millions of Hungarians living in America. Their fate might be serious in the event of war.

HOLLAND'S POSITION.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.

The Gazette de Holland points out the weaknesses of Holland's military position but adds: "No Government could remain quiescent should Dutch communications be cut off for any length of time."

The municipality proposes the early closing of shops and the reduction of lighting to economise coal.

WHAT AMERICA HAS SAID.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.

The Telegraph says: What America has said to Germany we must say. The moment they arrive at any time, and we must say it as strongly as President Wilson has said it.

SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS TO JOINTLY PROTEST.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.

The Scandinavian Governments have decided to send a joint protest to Germany against the new submarine policy.

A semi-official statement says that Sweden has decided to follow the example of the United States.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

AGAINST GERMANY.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 7.

The Bolivian Minister has formally notified Dr. Lauro Muller (Brazilian Minister of foreign Affairs) that Bolivia unreservedly supports Brazil's policy towards Germany.

MONTÉVIDEO, Feb. 7.

President Wilson's action is approved of by the Press and public. The Government is being urged to join the other neutrals against Germany.

BRAZIL'S REPLY TO GERMANY.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 7.

It is officially announced that Brazil's reply to the German announcement of unrestricted submarine warfare has been dispatched to Berlin. It protests that the German blockade violates international law, and if it is effective would close the entire high seas, which is not permissible. It also protests in anticipation against any injury to Brazilian merchantmen, for which it will hold Germany responsible.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

A BRITISH NIGHT ASSAULT.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Describing the first assault at night in the Acre region on the 3rd inst, as distinct from raids, Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says the moon was nearing the full and shined brightly, and the ground was mantled with snow. The attack was a surprise one, following a short preliminary bombardment. The British reached the trench before the Boches were able to emerge from the deep dug-outs in which they were sheltering from our whirlwind of fire. Their resistance was of the slightest at the beginning. Two hundred of them were quickly prisoners. A machine-gun post became troublesome, and was still holding out though surrounded when the despatch was sent off. The position gained forms a valuable link, improves the command of the enemy trenches and extends the field of observation.

OPERATIONS ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A French communiqué states: A German attack on a salient in the region of Embervill, Lorraine, gained a footing in the advanced elements, but they were immediately driven out and our line was completely re-established. We made prisoners.

Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down, including Lieut. Hartmann's twentieth. German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk but there were no casualties and no damage was done.

THE FRENCH TROOPS IN LORRAINE.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters has visited the army in Lorraine. He found the men very fit. Despite snow and frost—the temperature is at zero in the night, time—the health of the men had even improved compared with the records in wet weather, owing to the numerous special precautions taken.

ENEMY RAID ACROSS THE FROZEN SERETH.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A Russian communiqué states that two companies of the enemy crossed the frozen Sereth near Focani and attacked the Russian trenches, but were driven back by Russian fire.

GERMANY TRYING TO STARVE RUSSIAN OFFICERS.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.

The Swedish Red Cross Society intimates that the German Military authorities persist in refusing to allow Russian officer prisoners to receive food from neutral countries while the Allies blockade Germany.

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Reuter learns on undoubted authority that the Tsar intends that Poland shall have her own State organisation, legislature and army.

GERMAN DYNAMITE FACTORY WRECKED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.

The newspaper Les Nieuws states that an explosion wrecked the Nobel dynamite factory at Schleibuschman Fort. So far 200 dead have been recovered, mostly women.

GERMAN TROOPS CHARGE STARVING BELGIANS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.

The newspaper Les Nieuws states that the German troops at Aix-la-Chapelle on January 23rd charged 12,000 hungry demonstrators. Many were injured.

THE TURKISH CABINET.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

In the new Turkish Cabinet the Sheikh-ul-Islam is Mousa Kiazimi Effendi; the Foreign Minister is Nasim Bey; Minister of War, Enver Bey; and Minister of Marine, Djehal Dasha.

NEW ITALIAN NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

ROME, Feb. 7.

The Duke of Abruzzi has been relieved of the command of the fleet at his own request for reasons of health. Vice-Admiral Thaon Di Revel, Chief of the Naval Staff, succeeds the Duke.

INCREASED BRITISH TRADE.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The increase in exports last month amounted to £10,103,375 and in imports to £16,625,070 as compared with January last year.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION IN AMERICA.

SENATE PASSES BILL OVER PRESIDENT'S VETO.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.

The Senate, after a heated discussion, passed by 62 votes to 19, over the President's veto, the Immigration Bill containing the literacy test, to which President Wilson objected.

As the measure had already passed the House of Representatives it becomes law.

The question has been fought for twenty years and the literacy clause has been vetoed by three Presidents.

THE LLOYD GEORGE CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The trial of three women and one man on a charge of conspiring to murder Mr. Lloyd George has been postponed. It is understood that the trial will be transferred to the Old Bailey.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The following results of bye-elections are announced:—

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.
Mr. Samuels, K. C. (official nominee) 1,481
Sir Robert Woods 769

NORTH ROSKIDMON.
Coltun Plunkett 3,022
Mr. Devine (official Nationalist) 1,708
Mr. Toller 687

ROTHESHAM.
Mr. Arthur Richardson the former M.P., has been returned unopposed.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A REMARKABLE MESSAGE.

HAS GERMANY BEEN MIS-UNDERSTOOD?

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The Admiralty has issued a remarkable, and admittedly inspired wireless message from a "Washington correspondent" to the *Kölnische Zeitung* for general dissemination. The correspondent says that the President's attitude must not be construed as indicating an American desire for war. He cites passages from the President's speech in support of this and proceeds to charge Germany to refrain from numerous acts, particularly the destruction of American ships, no interference with innocent American commerce, and the limitation of the destruction of neutral vessels carrying contraband. Germany must revert to the recent practice of safeguarding passengers and crews. They must demonstrate that the terms of the German Note are misunderstood. Only an indispensable blockade is contemplated, and not unrestricted submarine warfare. Germany should propose a joint commission to negotiate a blockade and submarine code. The commission might consider the possibilities of calling a conference of the Powers. The correspondent declares that an explanation regarding the limitation of the sailing of four specially marked American ships will remove the intense impression created by "this wholly incomprehensible provision which is exceptionally hurting National pride."

ACCELERATING NAVAL SHIPBUILDING.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.

The Chairman and representatives of the Naval Committee have passed an amendment to the Naval Bill authorising the issue of \$150,000,000 five-year bonds to cover the cost of the speedy delivery of ships also empowering the Executive to order more material, commander plant and control Government labour.

SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.

Nearly every State Legislature has already passed a resolution supporting President Wilson.

A DUTCH SHIPPING PROHIBITION.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 6.

Dutch ships are prohibited from proceeding to England until further notice.

FURTHER AMERICAN PRECAUTIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.

Mr. Baker, War Secretary, has ordered the immediate purchase of reserve Quartermasters' supplies to the limit of the appropriation vote. The Naval authorities in charge of radio-stations are instructed to allow only American citizens to act as operators. Military censorship is now exacted over all wireless messages.

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BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

Will attend at the City Hall at 7.45 p.m. sharp on Saturday, February 10th, inspection, Saturday, Feb. 10th.

(a) Members in the Central and Western Districts on this date may travel to and from the neighbourhood of the Polo Ground by free cars provided by Courtesy of the Hongkong Tramway Company.

They will report to their various Platoon Commanders at the Queen's Statue, near the Law Courts at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Fifty (50) men only may travel on each car. Mr. Frank, A.S.P. (B), will supervise. Five cars will be provided. Members unable to find accommodation on these cars are requested to travel by other cars and pay their own fare. On production of tickets at this office, fares will be refunded.

(b) Members in Kowloon will travel by Police Launch from the Police Pier (next to Star Ferry Pier) at 2.30 p.m. to Causeway Bay. They will return from Causeway Bay launch at about 4.45 p.m.

SECURITY PLATOON (NO. 1 COMPANY).

The following having joined are posted to the above Platoon. Those without Collar numbers will have same issued in due course.

This platoon is temporarily placed under the charge of Inspector C.M.S. Alves and Sergeant-Major Figueiredo.

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The parade ordered for Sunday, the 11th inst. is cancelled, and the following is substituted:—

Field Day, Sunday the 11th inst. Sanyoung Division will fall in with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve on the Cricket Ground at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Shorts, puttees, helmets, haversacks (fitted), water-bottles (filled). Stretchers will be required.

APPOINTMENT.
John Francis Grosse appointed Ambulance Officer, subject to confirmation by Major General J. C. Dalton, Chief Commissioner.

(Sgd.) E. BAILEY, Officer in Charge of District.

JAPANESE WRESTLING CHAMPION BEATEN.

The old story that has been written so often in athletic history was repeated at Tokyo recently when the toll of time gave way to youth upon the close of the ten-day wrestling season. Tachiyama, the invincible grappler of countless bouts, was pushed from the ring by Onikida, a youngster who entered the wrestling game only in recent years.

Another champion, Otaki, also fell before the charges of the spirited Onikida, whose newly gained laurels now include the honour of having a life-sized picture of himself hung in the Kyogoku amphitheatre. He will also be presented with a silver loving cup. Onikida's victories were received as a surprise and sensation in the wrestling world, where few believed he could conquer the older champions.

As the result of the season just closed, the eastern camp emerged victors over the western crowd by the narrow margin of two points. The former captured eight-two bouts to the eighty-two by the latter. Onikida won individual honours, finishing the season without a defeat.

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THE EX-EMPEROR HSIANG TUNG.

CELEBRATION OF HIS BIRTHDAY.

The Ex-Emperor Hsiang Tung celebrated his birthday on Sunday, the 4th inst. The Government arranged to make suitable presents, and to express to him the customary official greetings. The President appointed Mr. Fan Yuan-hien, Minister of Education, to represent the Government on the occasion.

It was arranged that the Minister would be accompanied by four of the President's military attendants. The "Peking Gazette" published the arrangements as follows: "They are to start for the Forbidden Grounds by the Tung Hua Men, passing through the historic Wu Ling Men, where they are to be met by the ushers specially appointed by the Hsing House. Upon arrival at the Palace, the Minister will be received by the ushers of the Ting House for the Minister. He will then proceed to the Chien Ting Men escorted by a guard of honour. Reaching the Chien Ting Men, he is to dismount from the sedan chair and walk to the Imperial Library, where he will be received by the ushers of the Ting House. After a rest he will be conducted to the Chien Ting Palace where the ex-Emperor will appear to receive his greetings. As soon as he enters the door of the Chien Ting Palace, the Minister is to remove his hat and to bow once at each step he takes in the presence. He is to stop at the third step and, facing the ex-Emperor, he will tender the greetings of the Government by reading a eulogy to be followed by the presentation of birthday gifts. In his turn, the ex-Emperor will deliver an address, and the Minister will next bow once and retire from the presence. The Minister will leave the Palace precincts by the same way that he entered.

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Credits, 4 months sight ... 239 1/2

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Wire ... 172 nom.
On demand ... 172 nom.

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On Manila—
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30 days sight (private paper) ... 100

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On demand ... 110 1/2
Gold Leaf 100 fine (per tal) ... 48.40
Silver (per oz) ... 37 7/16

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 18 1/2 nom.
Chinese Copper Cash ... 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Copper Cent ... 1/2 p.m.
Rate of Native Interest ... 4 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Sub. Coin ... 2 1/2 p.m.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ... 2 1/2 p.m.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day 3 p.m. On date at 3 p.m. On date at 3 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.02 30.13 30.18
Temperature ... 69 67 66
Humidity ... 75 84 86
Direction of Wind ... 232 NORTH 23W
Wind ... 5 2 1
Force ... 0 0 0
Weather ... 0 0 0
Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 7th, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1917.

Lowest open air temperature on the 7th, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1917.

T. F. CHARTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 8, 1917.

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Hour ... 0.60 cents.
Three hours ... 1.00
Six hours ... 1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ... 2.00

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With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.
Quarter hour ... 30.15 30.20
Half hour ... 0.25 0.40
One hour ... 0.30 0.60
Two hours ... 0.50 0.90
Three hours ... 0.70 1.00
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Tai Ping ... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.
Shek Kiu ... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.
Kongmoon ... 9.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.
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Temperature.
Hongkong, February 8, 1917.

Barometer ... 30.02 30.13 30.18
Do. ... 69 67 66
Do. ... 75 84 86
Do. ... 232 NORTH 23W
Do. ... 5 2 1
Do. ... 0 0 0
Do. ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 7th, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1917.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 8th at 11.44—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has increased slightly along the coast from Shanghai to Hongkong, and has decreased slightly over N.E. China, Formosa and the Philippines.

The anticyclone is now central to the north of the Yangtze Valley.
Fresh monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China and over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 10-day, 0.03 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.45 inches, against an average of 1.34 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 9th February—
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. winds, fresh to strong; cloudy, colder.
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: N.E. winds, fresh.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Feb., 1917—

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Feb. 8th.	6.47 a.m.	6.57 p.m.
" 9th.	6.47 "	6.57 "
" 10th.	6.48 "	6.58 "
" 11th.	6.48 "	6.59 "
" 12th.	6.48 "	6.59 "
" 13th.	6.49 "	7.00 "
" 14th.	6.49 "	7.01 "
" 15th.	6.49 "	7.01 "
" 16th.	6.49 "	7.02 "
" 17th.	6.49 "	7.02 "
" 18th.	6.49 "	7.03 "
" 19th.	6.49 "	7.03 "
" 20th.	6.49 "	7.04 "
" 21st.	6.49 "	7.04 "
" 22nd.	6.49 "	7.05 "
" 23rd.	6.49 "	7.05 "
" 24th.	6.49 "	7.06 "
" 25th.	6.49 "	7.06 "
" 26th.	6.49 "	7.07 "
" 27th.	6.49 "	7.07 "
" 28th.	6.49 "	7.08 "
" 29th.	6.49 "	7.08 "
" 30th.	6.49 "	7.09 "
" 31st.	6.49 "	7.09 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 8, 1917.—4 a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction. Discon.	Force.	Weather.
Winstock	5.45	30.28	81	77	4	1	b
Memuro	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hakodate	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tokio	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Kochi	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nagasaki	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Kagoshima	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oshima	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Naha	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ishijima	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Bonin Island	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Chefoo	6.4	"	"	"	"	"	"
Weinaiwai	"	30.38	24	37	NW	4	"
Hankow	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hohang	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Kinkiang	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Changbah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sungahai	30.40	32	"	"	"	2	5
Julialaf	30.33	56	89	"	"	4	2
Sharp Fk.	30.07	46	84	"	"	4	2
Amoy	29.58	52	58	"	"	4	2
Swatow	29.58	52	58	"	"	4	2
Pakhoi	30.10	53	63	"	"	0	0
Tientsin	30.04	57	"	"	"	6	4
Tsinan	30.06	57	"	"	"	6	4
Koshun	29.95	66	"	"	"	7	3
Wensadere	30.05	57	"	"	"	7	3
Canton	30.17	48	53	"	"	4	2
Hongkong	30.06	57	64	"	NW	5	3
Chong Kook	"	50.66	"	"	"	"	"
Chong Kook	"	30.07	52	62	"	4	2
Wachow	6.4	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pakhoi	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hohow	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Phullen	7.4	30.62	61	59	"	6	3
Thorne	"	29.95	66	"	"	7	3
O. St. James	"	29.91	73	"	"	7	3
Amoy	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Dagupan	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Manila	29.92	72	91	"	"	0	0
Legaspi	29.92	73	93	"	"	"	"
Tacloban	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Indio	29.68	75	91	"	"	1	1
Surigao	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lobos	29.63	80	91	"	"	1	2